(d) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is neither monitoring the production nor the exports quality, prices and demand of the country;

(e) whether his Ministry has collected such information from concerned departments;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether it is also a fact that on one side indigenous capacity is lying idle and on the other valuable foreign exchange is wasted; and

(h) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The following capacities have been granted for these drugs:—

Vinblastine	8.5 Kgs. (capacity)
Vincrestine	5.9 Kgs. (capacity)

These are new drugs and their demand and production are, therefore, yet to be established.

(b) Acceptance of the quality of Indian products (drugs) by other countries is not monitored.

(c) These drugs are price-decontrolled and therefore, details are not available.

(d) to (h) Vincrestine Sulphate (a bulk drug) is being produced by Mls.. Cipla and Mls. Infar India Ltd. While Mls. Cipla have not furnished production returns for the year 1987-88, the production reported by Mis Infar India Limited during 1987 was only for one month *i.e,,* December, 1987 which was to the tune of 9.3 gms. only. The import of these drugs is allowed under Open General Licence keeping in view the indigenous production vis-a-vis demand, etc.; and with a view to avoid any shortage of these life saving drugs.

Import of Danazol

1124. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarced Question 2539 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Danazol in the country is more than five tonnes;

(b) whether it is also a feet that the indigenous price is less than the imported price;

(c) whether it is also a fact that indigenous Danazol is exported to USA, UK and otter developed countries;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the quality of Indian Danazol is accepted all over the world;

(e) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is neither monitoring nor compiling the information of import, export, production quality, price, unutilisation capacity, availability and demand; and

(f) if so, the reasons for allowing imports of Danazol under OGL and discouraging indigenous production and wasting valuable foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the price are not available as this is a price decontrolled drug.

(c) to (f) Export of drugs is allowed on decontrolled basis and without the requirement of export licence Danazol is not separately classified in the Indian trade classification REV-2 on the basis of which foreign trade statistics of India are compiled. Hence data on import|export of Danazol is not available.

Import of Danazol is allowed under OGL keeping in view the indigenous production *vis-a-vis* demand, availability of technology etc., and with a view to avoid short supply of this life saving drag.